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In re Application of:

KITAYAMA et al.

Art Unit: 1774

Application No.: 09/671,301

Examiner: K. T. Nguyen

Filed: September 28, 2000

For: FIBER REINFORCED POLYPROPYLENE-BASED COMPOSITE MATERIAL

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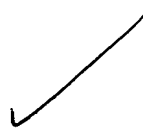
AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants present this Amendment in response to the Office Action of March 28, 2002, together with their concurrently filed Petition for Extension of Time.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:



Replace the paragraph at page 4, starting at line 1 with:

In fiber reinforced polypropylene-based composite materials, to melt a matrix resin and mix or insert reinforcing fibers thereto is most effective. In such a case, if a melting point, $T_m(M)$, of a polypropylene-based resin which is the matrix resin is equal to or greater than a melting point, $T_m(F)$, of a polypropylene-based resin which is the material forming the reinforcing fibers, when the matrix resin is melted and the reinforcing fibers are mixed or inserted thereto the reinforcing fibers also melt; no desired composite materials can be